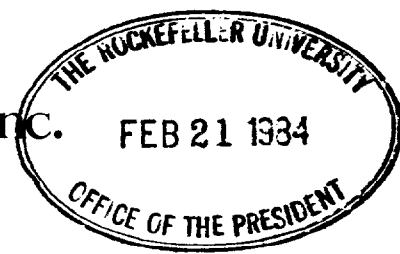


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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I want to tell you how sorry I am that you have decided to resign from the Board of NRDC. Over the many years you've been so closely associated with us, NRDC has I feel left a major mark of changed attitudes on environmental policies in this country. Without a doubt the views you have held on these issues and the approaches you have taken have shaped a great deal the way NRDC has conducted itself. Your presence required that everyone on the staff, and in fact on the Board as well, viewed his activities with serious scrutiny before any actions were taken. It is really accurate to say that you have left a very big mark on NRDC.

I am not sure I understand the specific reasons in your letter to Bill DeWind about your determination to retire from the Board and if you feel it would be useful I'd be pleased to look at the specifics just to understand better whether we are creating problems for others who serve on our Board.

I look forward to working with you in the future on many environmental issues, and I thank you for all you have done for us.

I'll be in touch with you shortly and hope we can gather a few of us so we can appropriately thank you.

Best wishes

*John H. Adams*  
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